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AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

Madison – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced the state's unadjusted unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in August tying the lowest rate for the month of August since 2001.

"Wisconsin's job market continues to show growth with a gain of nearly 33,900 jobs since last year at this time," Secretary Gassman said. "We have made great strides toward a solid economic future and will continue our efforts to create job opportunities for all Wisconsin workers."

The rate declined seven-tenths of a percentage point over the prior month and is one-tenth lower than the August 2005 rate. The state rate was also lower than the nation's unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.6 percent in August.

The state's preliminary nonfarm wage and salary estimates totaled 2,888,000 jobs in August. Manufacturing employment added 2,500 jobs over the month, bolstered by an expected increase in the number of workers in food manufacturing.

As of August 2006, Wisconsin has posted annual net job growth for 31 consecutive months.

Adjusted Data

Wisconsin's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in August, down four-tenths of a percentage point compared to July. The nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was higher than the state rate. The national rate was 4.7 percent in August. On an annual basis, Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is one-tenth of point lower August 2005.

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
In Thousands

	NET CHANGE FROM				
ITEM	PRELIM. AUG 06	FINAL JUL 06	YEAR AGO AUG 05	MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES				
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3101.8	3130.6	3067.4	-28.8	34.4
UNEMPLOYMENT	131.6	152.0	132.4	-20.4	-0.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.2	4.9	4.3	-0.7	-0.1
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2970.3	2978.6	2935.0	-8.3	35.3
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2888	2887.8	2854.1	0.2	33.9
TOTAL PRIVATE	2512.9	2511.6	2475.8	1.3	37.1
GOODS PRODUCING	668.2	665.8	661.3	2.4	6.9
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4.9	4.9	4.3	0.0	0.6
CONSTRUCTION	146.4	146.5	140.9	-0.1	5.5
MANUFACTURING	516.9	514.4	516.1	2.5	0.8
Durable Goods	321.6	320.1	320.8	1.5	0.8
Nondurable Goods	195.3	194.3	195.3	1.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	2219.8	2222	2192.8	-2.2	27.0
TRADE	435.9	433.5	439.1	2.4	-3.2
Wholesale Trade	121.6	121.6	120.1	0.0	1.5
Retail Trade	314.3	311.9	319	2.4	-4.7
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	104.2	105.3	103.7	-1.1	0.5
Utilities	11.6	11.6	11.6	0.0	0.0
INFORMATION	48.9	48.7	49.6	0.2	-0.7
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	160.6	160.5	159.8	0.1	0.8
Finance and Insurance	131.4	131.2	130.6	0.2	0.8
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	29.2	29.3	29.2	-0.1	0.0
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	275.4	274.4	266.3	1.0	9.1
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	92.1	92.8	90.6	-0.7	1.5
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	41.6	41.8	41.4	-0.2	0.2
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	141.7	139.8	134.3	1.9	7.4
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	395.9	397.8	380	-1.9	15.9
Educational Services	45.1	48.3	41.1	-3.2	4.0
Health Care & Social Assistance	350.8	349.5	338.9	1.3	11.9
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	284.8	286.4	280.2	-1.6	4.6
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	42.7	43.5	45.3	-0.8	-2.6
Accommodation & Food Services	242.1	242.9	234.9	-0.8	7.2
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	139	139.2	135.8	-0.2	3.2
GOVERNMENT	375.1	376.2	378.3	-1.1	-3.2
Federal Government	29.5	29.6	29.4	-0.1	0.1
State Government	95.6	94.5	97.4	1.1	-1.8
Local Government	250	252.1	251.5	-2.1	-1.5
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(1) Includes L-M Disputes					
	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES				
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3074.2	3080.5	3042.3	-6.3	31.9
UNEMPLOYMENT	141.7	154.4	143.7	-12.7	-2.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.6	5.0	4.7	-0.4	-0.1
EMPLOYMENT	2932.4	2926.1	2898.7	6.3	33.7

*Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section, Bureau of Workforce Information